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THE BOSS OF THE BOSSES.

A REPUBLICAN FOURTH OF JULY DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS, NOW AROUSING THE WONDER
AND ADMIRATION OF THE ENTIRE PEOPLE.



DO YOU LOVE ME?

MYSTERY COMPLEX you seem,
The fullness of a lover's dream,
Whose lips say "No."
And yet, if I believe your eyes,
The challenge "Guess!" within them lies.
Is it not so?

Had I the power, I'd quickly change
The answer; and so rearrange
That lips said "Guess!"
Then, further still — did I but dare —
I'd try to make, by constant prayer,
Your eyes say "Yes."

E. H. Graham Dewey.

THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS.

THE TURKEY. — What are you complaining about? You have n't any Thanksgiving to look forward to.

THE DOG. — What's biting you! You don't have to live through 'em the way I do through Fourth of Julys.



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NEEDED EXERCISE.

DOCTOR DOSEM. — Ha! you are suffering from a torpid liver. You are of sedentary habits, are you not?

PATIENT (*weakly*). — Yes, sir; — I belong to the Louisville base-ball nine.

A REASONABLE CALCULATION.

BROWN. — They say McKinley did not expect so much adverse criticism of his silence on the money question.

JONES. — Did n't he?

BROWN. — No. He thought the people would be too much interested in their wheels to care about his views on anything.

IF THAT Governor of North Carolina could spend a Sunday in New York he would probably revise his platform so as to read: "It is a long time between meals."



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TOO BAD!

A. WHEELER. — Does n't he look well?

T. IRES (*in disgust*). — Yes; he's one of those cranks who won't ride a bicycle.

IN CUBA.

"The insurgents," said the scout, "have raided the neighboring plantations and carried off large quantities of tobacco."

"Good!" said General Weyler. "Good! Their forces may, in time, be exterminated by smoking cigarettes."

IT IS doubtful if the New Woman ever reaches the point where she will boast that she is a "plain, American citizen."



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"THE APPAREL OFT PROCLAIMS THE MAN."

THE FOURTH

BY YOUNG AMERICA.

CAN YOU tell me why it's Fourth of July?
But I don't suppose that you can;
For you are a girl, with your hair in curl,
And never can be a man.
But Papa told me, and so now you see
That if you don't know it, I do;
And if you'll sit still and listen, I will
Just try and explain it to you.

Long, long ago it all happened, you know;
I s'pose even Grandpa was small, —
And Papa, he did n't begin to be, —
He was n't born then at all!
And neither was I, that Fourth of July.
Now, does n't it all seem queer?
I wonder, if they had crackers that day,
Who fired 'em, when I was n't here?

Oh! well — anyhow — they made a great row
Over a kettle of tea
They would n't drink without sugar, I think,
And threw it all into the sea,
Because it was bad, — and some one was mad,
And so — then they started to fight,
And we beat 'em, too, you bet! black-and-blue,
And gave 'em a terrible fright.

And — then — well — that's why it's Fourth of July,
With crackers and rockets, and things
That make a great noise, — and all little boys
Can be Presidents, 'stead of old kings.
And — what did you say? Oh, no! — anyway
I'm not sleepy — leave me alone!
The work I have done would tire any one,
My fingers are burned to the bone.

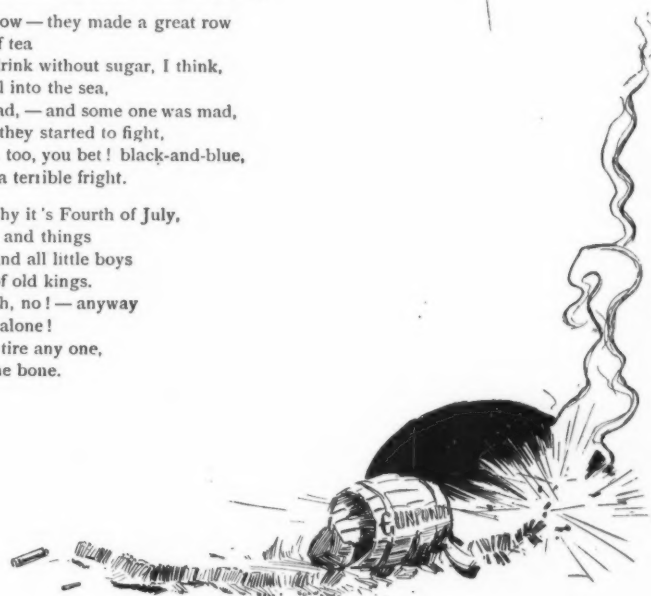
An' — who tore my hat? Oh! never mind that!
My handkerchief 's somewhere about; —
Now, why do you care? I don't think it's fair
To scold when you know that without
Us men you would be just drinkin' old tea;
And may be you might hear a queen
Say, "Off with her head!" — Yes — I'm going to bed, —
But I shan't go to sleep, — and it's mean!

Harriet F. Blodgett.



HANVELL
J.S.

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THE APPETITE UTILIZED.

"Why will Brown have nothing but French dishes on his table?"

"It's an idea of the governess — to make the children speak French in the household."

MERE SPITE.

ROSE. — Don't you think her new dress looks very pretty?

JULIA. — It would on some one else.

HANDSOME IS as handsome does, and handsome often does as handsome pleases.

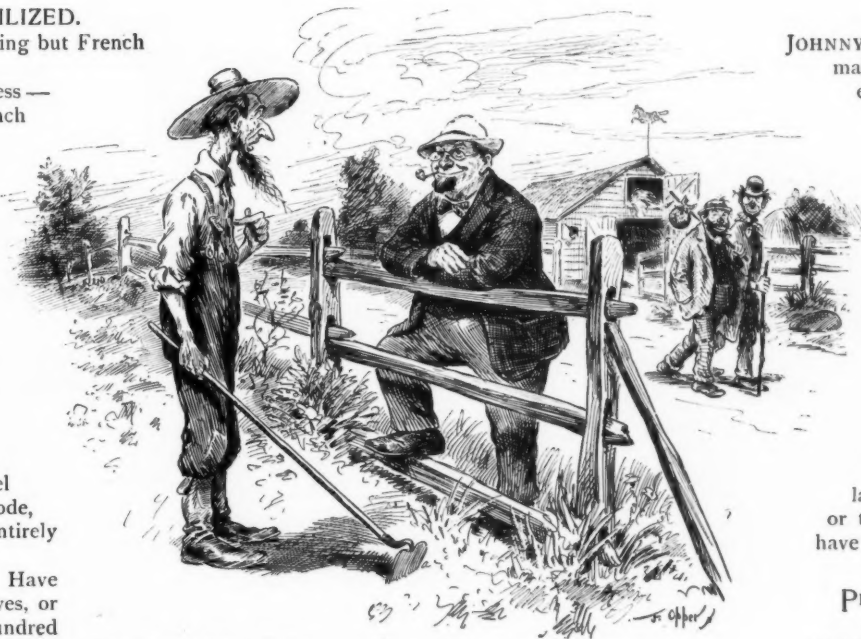
REDDIT. — I see the French have devised a rather novel regulation for their dueling code, which is expected to do away entirely with bloodshed.

WELLNOW. — What is it? Have them fight simply with expletives, or use brass knuckles at one hundred feet apart?

REDDIT. — No; it provides for the use of bullet-proof vests.

WELLNOW. — It seems that if the antagonists can wear those things they'll be making a field of honor out of every four-acre lot in France.

REDDIT. — Oh! — but the vests are for the spectators.



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HIS WORK.

FARMER GREENHAW. — Need n't tell me that tramps won't work! One of 'em worked yesterday, to my certain knowledge.

FARMER WHETROCK. — What did he do?

FARMER GREENHAW. — He worked me! He promised, if I'd give him a good dinner, to tell me how to get rid of the cockle-burrs on my farm, an' when he got through eatin' he told me to jest move off an' leave 'em.

AN INFERENCE.

JOHNNY. — Tommy Brown's mother makes him go to Sunday-school every Sunday.

MAMA. — Why do you say she makes him go?

JOHNNY. — Because he goes.

THE PROPER COURSE.

ASSISTANT. — Was n't it Harvey who discovered the circulation of the blood?

EDITOR (*absently*). — I don't know. Did n't he make an affidavit?

AS TO some of our statesmen, it is doubtful whether they lack the courage of their opinions, or the courage to admit that they have n't any opinions.

PROFESSOR. — Infinite space is a condition which no finite mind can comprehend. Think of dwelling alone in a vast expanse bounded by no limit. The mind can not conceive such a circumstance.

STUDENT. — Pshaw! I can.

PROFESSOR. — You can! You must be something of a prodigy. Where were you raised?

STUDENT. — In Chicago.



AN EXPERT UMPIRE.

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CAPTAIN OF THE DARKTOWNS.—Wot 's dat—safe at third, yo' say? W'y, yo' wuz n't even lookin' at de third base!

UMPIRE.—I did n' need to;—de third baseman would n't hev yelled "How 's dat!" so loud, if he 'd really teched de runner.

WOMAN'S WAYS.



ON SUNDAY MORNING Mr. Columbus Flatte went out into the kitchen to look for his razor-strop. He found it in the clothes-pin drawer. Being in most respects a model husband, Mr. Flatte did not ask his wife how the strop came to be there; but he did ask her, like the politician preparing to go up Salt River, what she was going to do with so much bread.

"My dear," he continued, while sharpening his razor, "you know I seldom comment upon your methods, and I leave the business end of this flat entirely to you, but it seemed to me, at a casual glance, that everything in that kitchen was full of bread, except the wash-boiler, and that was only half full."

"Why, you silly goose!" said Mrs. Flatte, laying down the newspaper she was reading; "I'm saving it to stuff things with!"

"A mattress, for instance?"

"No; of course not! Turkeys and other things."

"But the turkey season is over."

"Well, small birds, then. I suppose the

law will allow me to do that! They won't allow me to feed it to them while they're alive. You better believe, when women get to voting there won't be any such tomfool laws as that! Not feed the sparrows, indeed! If they want to get rid of them, why don't they build trenches for them, like they do for rabbits in Australia; instead of trying to starve the poor little things to death. I suppose the bread *has* got a little ahead of me this last week or so; but you change so in your eating! There was one while you would have milk-toast every morning; then you switched off onto batter cakes. I told the Dutch baker about it; but he said he would n't stop."

"Would n't stop what?"

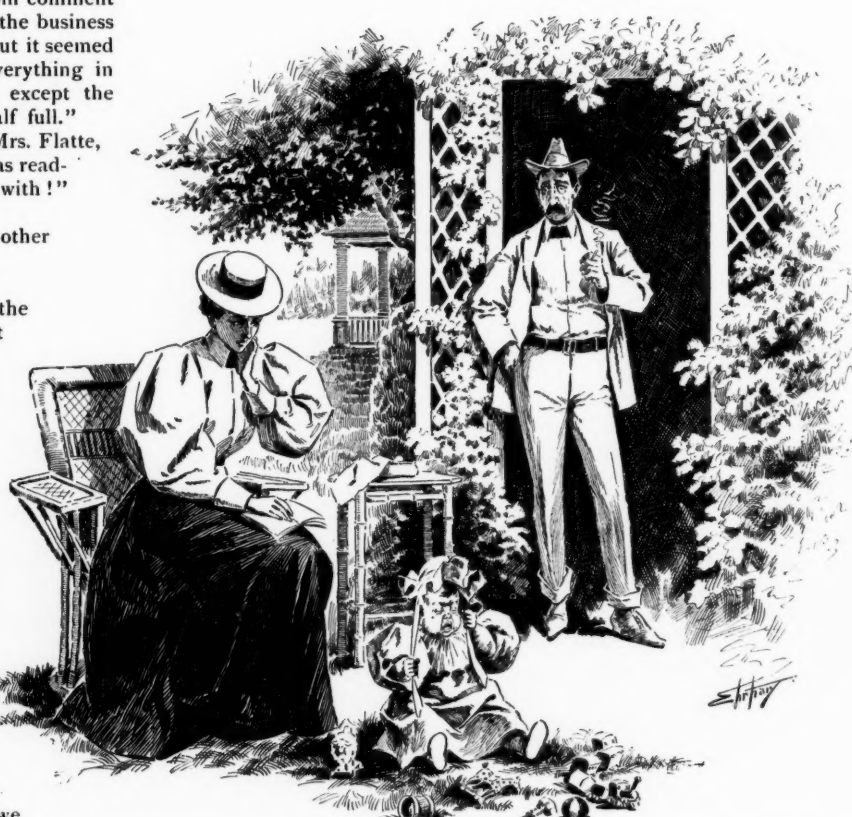
"Would n't stop sending six rolls and one loaf of bread a day until I paid him what I owed him. And I have been so awful short on house-money, lately. I had to have a pancake turner. I've splashed that kitchen-stove up with a black-handled knife till I'm tired. And a few other little things. You know you said, yourself, we never have enough ash-trays. And you know, too, that we were both brought up to think it wicked to burn bread; I tried little of the dryest of it, and it makes very poor kindling—"

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Alicia," interrupted Mr. Flatte, who had completed his preparations for shaving: "If you'll promise me, on your honor, not to make any bread puddings out

of that bread, I'll go round and interview the baker as soon as I'm dressed. He'll probably agree to come off if I pay him; and I want to make his acquaintance, anyway, in case I want to go into the hotel business. Then, if you will roll some of the bread up in clean papers, I'll distribute a few loaves each morning as I go out among the neighboring ash-barrels. Never shall it be said of me that I failed you in a domestic crisis. And now, if you will please go out on the fire-escape, or somewhere, while I shave—"

"Agreed!" answered Alicia, taking herself off with great alacrity.

Madeline Orvis.



LOCATED.

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MOTHER (*impatiently*).—I don't know what will ever become of that child. Nothing pleases him.

FATHER (*serenely*).—We'll make an art critic out of him.



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THE BEST OF PROSPECTS.

GOLDSTEIN.—Mr. Silverhammer, I loaf your daughter. My liabilities ad bresent are only feefy dousan' tollars—bud mid care undt foresight I hope to double dem very shortly.

MR. SILVERHAMMER.—Say no more—say no more!—taig her—undt pe habby!

AFTER THE GOOD MAN WENT WRONG.

SHE.—I'm so surprised! He was such an energetic church-worker, too.

HE.—He was; he worked it for all it was worth.

A "HAIR-RAISING" STORY—The One the Barber Tells About the Hair-restorer He Recommends.

"T IS BETTER to laugh than be sighing"
In poetry sounds very nice;
But laughing will not pay the coalman
And so it won't cut any ice.



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AN ARDENT WOOER.

MRS. CASEY.—Joost see little Mary makin' love to little Moikey.

MRS. KERRIGAN.—God hilp the poor men when she grows oop. She makes love like a widder already!

THE SPREAD OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

FIRST BICYCLIST.—I heard a man say yesterday the wheeling craze was dying out.

SECOND BICYCLIST.—I think it is. You *do* hear some cranks occasionally denouncing wheeling, but the great majority of people take a rational view of the subject.

ARGUMENTUM AD FEMINAM.

Politeness, you claim, always comes from the heart;
Convention has in it no parcel or part;
Contending 't is native, instinctive with men,
The motive inbred that has never misled;
But *this* will defeat you:

'T was all that prevented my kissing you when
You bowed your sweet head, as demurely you said,
"I'm happy to meet you!"

H. C. F.



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A PERTINENT QUESTION.

WILLY.—Father, what did the papers do for advertising before bicycles were invented?

A CLINCHER.

SHE.—Were n't they just made for each other?

HE.—I've no doubt of it.

She's just thrown him over for Jack Harding, you know.

A SMALL BEGINNING, BUT —

"I am poor," he said; "it would be many years before I could give my wife a yacht."

"Well," answered the girl of '96; "could n't you commence with a little smack?"

And so it came to pass.



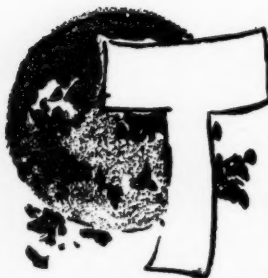
THE DARKEST hour may be just after you get home from the club, if your wife happens to be that kind of a woman.

AN UP-TO-DATE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

THE TEXT.

"Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever;
Do noble things, not dream them, all day long;
And so make life, death, and that vast forever,
One grand, sweet song."

CHARLES KINGSLEY.



THE SHADE of Kingsley pardon my dissension!
If to be good one needs must be a dunce,
Why then, sweet maid, all virtuous pretension
Renounce at once.

To-day, indeed, you should be clever,
surely,
And to that end your other issues pool—
The times are past when you might play
demurely
The pretty fool.

When Eve essayed to climb the Tree of Knowledge
Her zeal was premature—to say the least.
Far better on its garnered fruit in college
At ease to feast.

Improve your mind, the poet's counsel slighting,
Since Kingsley's day our sex has altered—some!
The Coming Woman had not at that writing
Begun to come.

Take my advice,—indulge your dreams diurnal
Of noble things—if not too dull and long;
Then write them out and sell some Sunday journal
That grand, sweet song.

In brief, sweet maid, don't try not to be clever,
Nor let "Who Will" the laurels bear away;
But ere they're gone win for your own endeavor
One sprig of bay!

Paul Allan.

THE PROPER CLASSIFICATION.

"What was all that early work of
Hobson's which he refers to as his fugi-
tive pieces?"

"Two volumes of detective stories."

THINGS ONE IS GLAD ONE
SAID.

"She admires graceful men, eh?
Did she think me graceful?"

"Well, she said she never tired of
seeing you bow yourself out of a draw-
ing-room."

IN CONFIDENCE.

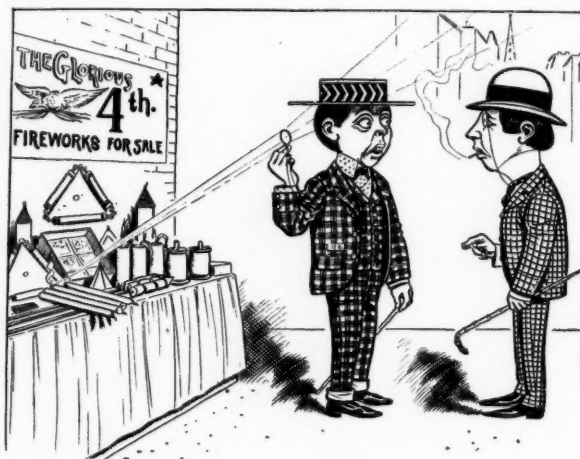
FRIEND.—What are your reasons for
selling?

SUBURBANITE.—Malaria and the
lawn-mower.

IN THE average advertising
Poem, graceful or uncouth,
There is, without any joking,
Much more poetry than truth.

A PREMATURE CELEBRATION.

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CHOLLY.—Aw—yaas, my de-ah fellah, this heathenish way of
celebrating the Fourth of July by fireworks is outrageous. I would
make short work of fireworks if I had my way.

THE CAUSE OF HIS JOY.

FRIEND.—What does the doctor say?

PATIENT.—Oh! he seems to be in
great spirits because he has the fever
nearly down to where it was when he
started.

AN INSTRUCTIVE TITLE.

"Well, how is your leap-year club
coming on?"

"Oh! finely—but that is not our
name."

"What is it?"

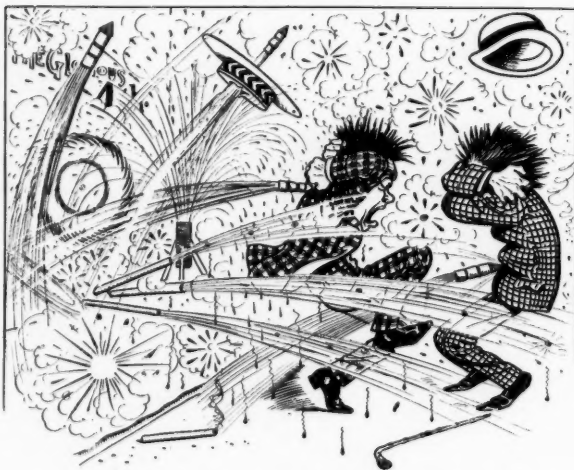
"The Willing Workers."

KNEW WHAT WAS COMING.

CUMSO.—Ricketts is about to change
his business.

CAWKER.—Where is he going to
open his bicycle store?

IF WIFE and husband are desirous
To really be as one,
Each must be a proper fraction,
Or it can't be done.



CHOLLY (as the sun rays going through CHOLLY's glass succeed
in firing the fire-works).—Fire! Murder! Police! The British are
bombarding New York! F-I-R-E!

THE LAST STRAW.

I kick not when my
friend forgets
My umbrella loaned
him,
And when those little
loans were due
I never yet have
boned him;
But it makes me very
weary,
And my patience ebbs
away,
When he tells me the
story
That I told him yes-
terday.

W. M. Patrick.



THE DEALER.—Yes, Mister Officer, no one was near the fireworks
but them dudes, and they must have thrown a cigarette among them.
If they pay me for the damage, you need n't take them to jail.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

ON A DUTY OF CITIZENSHIP.

A PATRIOT, says Noah Webster, on page 1052 of his excellent dictionary, is "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests." Certain demonstrations during the past year, and the present political situation, as well, make it especially desirable that this word's true meaning be set forth anew. Certain members of Congress have sought to supplant Mr. Webster's lucid and convincing definition with one of their own make. They have failed in this, but their work has not been wholly without evil result, for they have put the word into some disrepute. When a Congressional servant during the last session of Congress began his speech with a declaration of his "eternal patriotism," or his "sturdy patriotism," or his "undying patriotism," sensible citizens groaned in chorus and turned wearily away; for they knew the word heralded a burst of Jingoism; some effete monarchy was to be flayed with the knife of invective, and those native cravens were to be scored who had hinted that the United States of America would n't fight unless there was something to fight for. How flat and silly now seems the declaration of war against England that Senator Chandler gave out to an eager press last November! And how stale and stupid now seems the war talk that followed President Cleveland's Venezuelan message in December! Yet, it all did mischief at the time, as incendiary talk always does, whether it comes from a labor agitator, a bomb-throwing anarchist or a Congressman. It was mean and miserable and unpatriotic; and doubly so, because all the time it was being carried on the country was suffering at home from abuses which Congress had met to remedy. It is no wonder that sane citizens of this republic have come to be frankly suspicious of a public man who shouts his patriotism from the house-tops. He is a man who does his best to embroil his country in needless war. He is not a man "who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests," but one who prostitutes his patriotism for political gain.

The present political campaign is one in which every citizen will have a chance to show the true patriotism that Webster defines; and there

should be a demonstration of it so spontaneous, so vigorous and so triumphant as to wipe out all traces of the spurious brand that the Jingos tried to foist upon the people. The Republican party has faced the ordeal and acquitted itself with honor. Its members, so long as the party endures, may point to the currency plank in its platform of 1896 with pardonable pride. The Democratic party is about to face the same ordeal, and we shall know in a few days if it equals the Republican party in members who love their country and who are ready zealously to support its authority and interests. No Democrat should prematurely don the sable trappings of defeat; yet the outlook for a sound-money victory at Chicago is not bright.

With honor to itself the party can not be less decided for sound money than its rival was at St. Louis. But with honor to himself no sound-money Democrat can vote his party's ticket next November if the Chicago platform declares for the free coinage of silver independently by the United States. Over and above all parties is the duty of a patriot to preserve the dignity and honor of his nation among the nations of the world. Party loyalty is a fine thing only so long as the party keeps worthy of it. Beyond that it becomes blind fanaticism. Principles alone make parties, and the party name should never become a fetish for all sorts of chance heresies. If the right principles are abandoned, the stock of the party debased, and its honored name put over an unworthy cause, no man longer owes it fealty. Democracy is not a name that may mean one thing one year, and another the next. Its principles are fixed. It has never legitimately stood for any money but the best. If a majority of the men now composing the party are victims of the cheap-money delusion, the untainted Democrat has two duties clearly before him: one is to his country and the other to the real principles of Democracy. He will meet both by voting squarely against the free-silver heresy. Free silver is a passing craze, but the principles of his party will endure so long as there is human association. This, be it understood, applies only to the Democrats who believe in sound money and who might feel, through a mistaken sentimentality, that they owe allegiance to their party under any and all circumstances. To such as honestly believe in the free coinage of silver alone by the United States, we can only say: go in and fight it out.

These are matters that should keep the citizen busy in hard thinking if he is to rescue the word "patriotism" from the slough of disrepute where the Jingos put it. And there is no better time for him to begin than on the one hundred and twentieth birth-day of his country. When he hears the silly talk of secession that comes from demented silverites, he should reflect that this country that our patriot fathers founded after long years of strife for liberty is not to be broken asunder because silver-miners and fatuous dreamers want a fifty-cent dollar. And he should resolve to cast his vote, regardless of party, with a view to ending the talk about it once for all.



SHOWING WHERE HE STOOD.

IN REFERENCE to taking bribes,
 The politician fat
 Looked shrewd and said: "You won't catch me
 Doing a thing like that."

IN PARIS.

FOREIGNER.—How long has the present ministry
 been in power?

MONSIEUR ALLONS-MARCHONS.—Over two weeks. It seems as if
 we would never be able to turn the rascals out!

OBVIOUS EXPEDIENT.

"If the truth gets out it will be fatal to the Senator's political prospects."

"Then why does n't he have an investigating committee appointed to look into the matter?"

AN ADVANCED THINKER.

FIRST POPULIST.—The free and unlimited coinage of silver is good enough as far as it goes.

SECOND POPULIST.—What more do you want?

FIRST POPULIST.—I'm in favor of the free and unlimited distribution of silver after it's coined.

FACE TO FACE WITH THE AMAZONS.

"If the Spaniards should descend upon our seacoasts I suppose they would have some very spirited engagements?"

"Yes; one Summer Girl could take care of a whole company."

PLEASURE WITH some people consists of doing something they can't afford to do.



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AN AWFUL DANGER AVOIDED.

SHIPWRECKED MOTHER.—Oh! John, how glad we ought to be that we are not at home, but here with the two boys!

SHIPWRECKED FATHER.—Good heavens! Mary, are you crazy?

SHIPWRECKED MOTHER.—No! You forget that to-day is the Fourth of July, and Johnny had bought a cannon, and Willy a toy pistol!



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MAY THE COUNTRY BE SPARED THIS PITIFUL SIGHT!

A DEMOCRATIC CREMATION, WITH THE NOMINEE SACRIFICING HIMSELF, LIKE AN EAST INDIAN WIDOW ON THE FUNERAL PYRE OF HER DEFUNCT LORD.

J. Ottmann 14th Co New York

PUCK.



THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BUSY BEE.

HOW DOth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour?
He wastes it gathering sweets which he
Will never help devour.

For ere the shining hours are fled,
He leaves his honey stored,
The foolish busy bee is dead,
And vandals raid his hoard.

Now (from the standpoint of the bee),
He wasted toil and strife,
By misdirected industry
He missed the sweets of life.

Of course men praise the busy bee,
If they did n't 't would be funny;
For when he 's stored it, don't you see,
They get the b. b.'s honey.

Carl Currie.

A FOURTH OF JULY DEFINITION.

LITTLE SISTER.—What is a tannon tracker, Willy?
BIGGER BROTHER.—A cannon cracker is a thing that never
goes off till you crawl back to see what 's the matter with it.



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NOTHING UNUSUAL.

BARBER.—Your hair is getting long, sir.
SHAVEE (*confidentially*).—Do you know, it seems to me that it is
getting longer every day.

"OL' NUTMEG" ON THE FOURTH.

The glorious Fourth ain't what it uster be, inezmuch ez it uster be
diff'unt than what it is now.

The on'y safe fire-cracker I know uv is the one thet 's already ex-
ploded.

The very things the father uv boys uster term ez patriotic in his
day he now puts down ez newsences.

The boy who fin's so much fault with a rainy Fourth gen'ly lives tew
fin' out his mistake.

They is one day in the year when mos' people wish the country
wuzzen't so free an' inderpendunt ez what it is.

The tootin' uv horns is more patriotic an' pleasin' tew the ear than
the soun' uv some orrertor's voices.

This is the time when the small boy hez money tew burn; an'
when he gits away from home he is purty apt tew burn all he hez.

Joe Cone.

AN EXPERT.

FIRST BOARDER.—I understand that the landlady is to take a trip
to the West.

SECOND BOARDER.—Is that so? If the train would stop long
enough at the stations, she could give the railway restaurant people
some great points.



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AN AWFUL THOUGHT.

FIRST ANCIENT MAIDEN.—I have often thought that suppose when
a dentist gives you gas, he should kiss you. Would n't it be horrible?

SECOND ANCIENT MAIDEN.—Horrible is no name for it. Why, you
would n't know anything about it!

PRACTICE, in some cases, makes perfect; but frequently it makes the
neighbors feel like smashing the piano.



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ONLY ONE THING LACKING.

FIRST BOY (*the day after the Fourth*).—Say, ain't it tough dat de
Fourth comes durin' vacation and not when school is going?

SECOND BOY.—Why?

FIRST BOY.—Why, jess see what a snap I'd have, stayin' home
from school fer four or five weeks!



HOIST BY HIS OWN PETARD.

CASEY (confidentially, to the FOREMAN).—Oi 've bin afther watchin' Kerrigan fer th' lasht two hours, an' divil a shtroke uv wur-ruk hoz he done in all thot toime.

FOREMAN.—Be hivins! Kerrigan wuz just afther comin' t' me wit' th' same information about yersilf. Yez are *bote* discharged, fer watchin' instid uv wur-rukin'.

DOWN TO DATE.

"Diggs seems to be doing a rushing business."

"Yes;—he has hired a lot of deaf mutes, and is running a painless barber shop."

AT THE BEACH.

MAY.—Are there any objects of interest here?

PAMELA.—Not yet, but a couple are expected on the afternoon train.

THE OBLIVION of some people to our poor opinion of them is distressing.

PICKINGS FROM THE INTELLECT OF LITTLE PLATO SMITH.

I wish I could spit good.

When I 'm the seriousest folks always kind o' smile.

Some fellers are made so they smile when they feel like weepin'.

I 'd hate t' be like one o' th' heros of a Sunday school book. They always die; an', by jing! they ought 'o.

When there is only one mud-puddle in a whole county a feller 'll get in it 'thout meanin' to.

When a feller wears a new suit o' clothes th' whole town stops business t' look at him.

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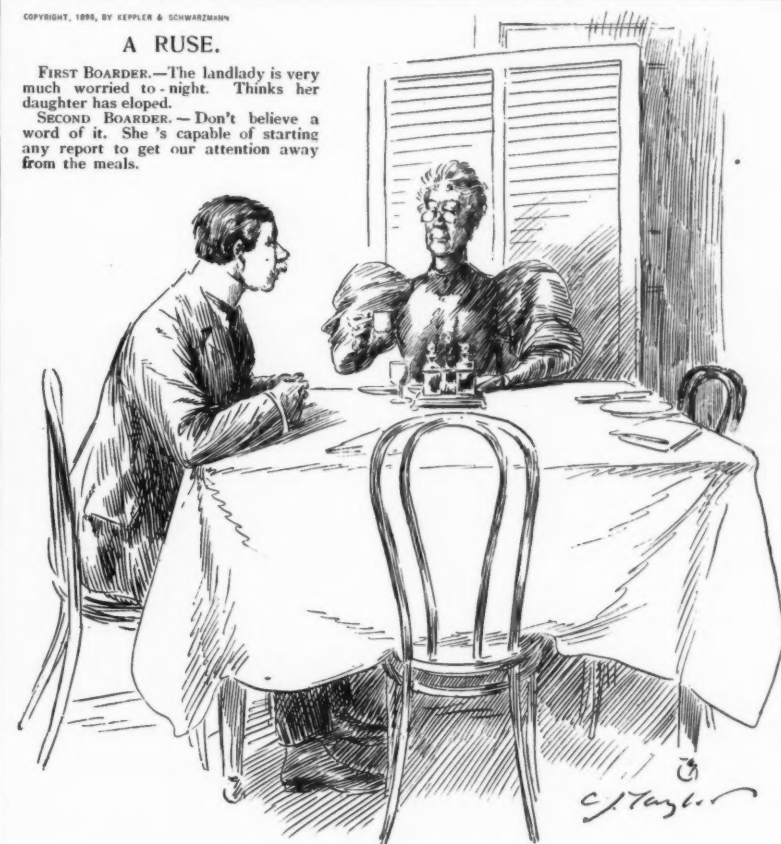
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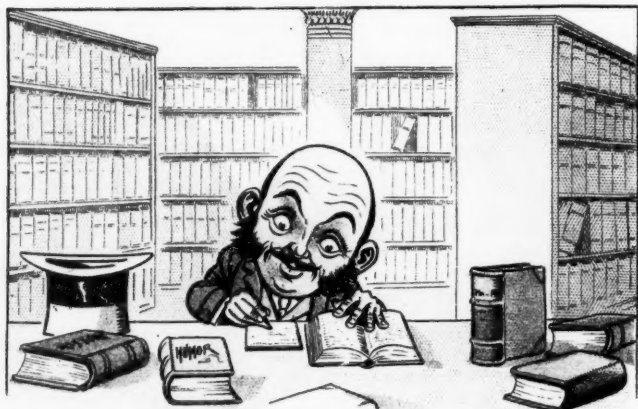
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